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Federal Bureau of Investigation

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	Subject of Request: Society			
	FOIPA No. /190-			

Dear FOI/PA Requester:

Enclosed are copies of documents from FBI records. Excisions have been made to protect information exempt from disclosure pursuant to Title 5, United States Code, Section 552 and/or Section 552a. In addition, where excisions were made, the appropriate exempting subsections have been cited opposite the deletions. Where pages have been withheld in their entirety, a deleted page information sheet has been substituted showing the reasons or basis for the deletion. The subsections cited for withholding information from the enclosed documents are marked below:

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During the review of material pertinent to the subject of your request, documents were located which				
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contain information furnished by another Government agency(ies). You will be advised by the FBI as to the releasability of this information following our consultation with the other agency(ies).				

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SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b) (1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive order;
- (b) (2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b) (3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on the issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b) (4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
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- (b) (8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b) (9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d) (5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j) (2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals, except records of arrest;
- (k) (1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to Executive Order 12356 in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k) (2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence:
- (k) (3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE:

5/31/72

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SAC, WFO (105-109296) (RUC)

SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATION SPONSORED BY AMANDA
MARGA YOGA SOCIETY, APRIL 14-16, 1972,
WASHINGTON, D.C.
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Enclosed for the Bureau are five and for Kansas City two copies of a LHM, dated and captioned as above.

Indices WFO negative regarding information identifiable with the captioned organization,

Inasmuch as the proposed demonstration was canceled and no later date was set, no further action is being taken or recommended. Copies of the enclosure are being furnished to Kansas City in the event the captioned organization comes to their attention in the future.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D.C. 20535 May 31, 1972

DEMONSTRATION SPONSORED BY ANANDA MARGA YOGA SOCIETY, APRIL 14-16 WASHINGTON INTERNAL SECURITY - INDIA

On April 4, 1972, the National Park Service of the Department of Interior furnished the following information:

On March 24, 1972, Olav T. Oftedal, 2203. Wyoming Menue, N.W., Washington, D.C. (WDC), filed a notice of a proposed demonstration to be sponsored by the Ananda Marca Yoga Society. The society was described by Oftedal as an incorporated association whose address he furnished as 3453 East 12th Street, Wichita, Kansas, 67208, telephone number 310-685-8667.

"Offedal identified the principal officer of the Society as Achary Yatii Shyarananda Ayadhuta, the Spiritual Director of the Ananda Marga Yoga Society. His address and -phone number was the same as that of the Society which is given above. The demonstration was scheduled for the dates April 14-16, 1972, for the purpose of placing certain unspecified demands before the Indian Embassy. It was stated that the purpose was to bring "attention to our cause". It was estimated by Oftedal that the demonstration would have 250 participants. They intended to use sound magnification equipment for speakers and musicians. They were also going to display placards and banners and were to engage in collective songs, spiritual chants and silent meditation.

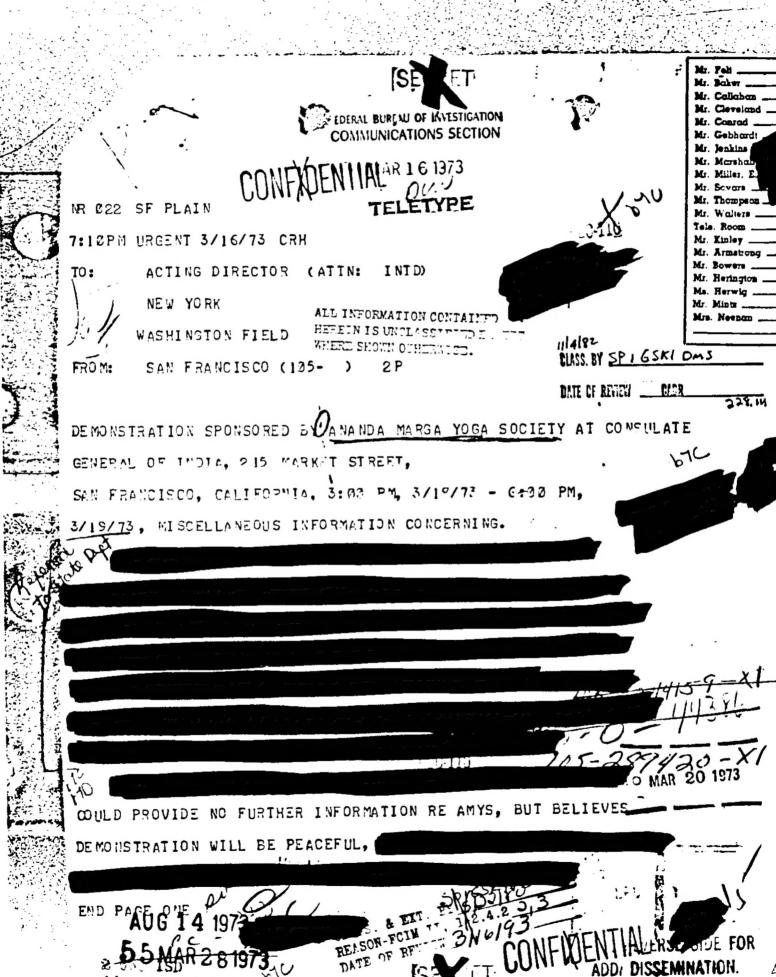
On April 12, 1972, National Park Service, advised that Oftedal had called to state that the planned demonstration had been canceled and that no further date had been set. He did say that the decision to cancel the demonstration had been made at an internal meeting held that week at Kansas City, Missouri.

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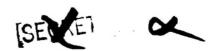
ADMINISTRATIVE:

US SECRET SERVICE, POLICE DEPARTMENT INTELLIGENCE UNIT AT SAN FRANCISCO, HAVE BEEN ALERTED.

PROTEST WILL BE COVERED BY SPECIAL AGENTS WHO WILL BE ALERT FOR POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS OF ACT FOR PROTECTION OF FOREIGN OFFICIALS AND RECORDING AND PHOTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT WILL BE AVAILABLE.

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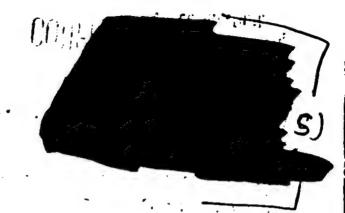


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DVERNMENT lemorandum 288.111 ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI 3/29/73 SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (105-31234) (C) DEMONSTRATION SPONSORED BY ANAMDA MARGA YOGA SOCIETY AT CONSULATE GENERAL OF INDIA, 215 Market St., San Francisco, California 3:00 p.m. - 3/18/73 - 6:00 p.m., 3/19/73MISCELLANEOUS INFO CONCERNING nd shown offervise. Re San Francisco teletype to the Bureau dated 3/16/73. Enclosed for the Bureau are five (5) copies and for New York and WFO are one (1) copy of LHM captioned and dated as above. Local dissemination is being made to the offices of the U.S. Secret Service and the U.S. Department of State in San Francisco. Agents observing captioned demonstration and the distribution of leaflets at 215 Mission Street, San Francisco, California, on 3/18/73 - 3/19/73 were SAS and Appropriate local authorities, U. S. Secret Service, Department of State, and a representative of the Indian Consulate were kept advised of all information as received and liaison was maintained during the time of captioned demonstration. Inasmuch as there was no incident during the course of this demonstration and that it appears the AMANDA MARGA YOGA SOCIETY was involved in legitimate dissent, no further investigation is being conducted at San_ Francisco. (Encs. 5) (RM) // X 700 01= (Enc. 1) (RM) NEW YORK STAN OF WASHINGTON FIELD (Encs. 1) (RM) SAN FRANCISCO 1-CD (105 - 31234)RA168 Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savin

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

San Francisco, California March 29, 1973

DEMONSTRATION SPONSORED BY ANANDA MARGA YOGA SOCIETY AT CONSULATE GENERAL OF INDIA 215 Market Street, San Francisco, California

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The Ananda Marga Yoga Society is self-described as a group whose members attempt, through self-discipline and meditation to achieve ecstasy and inner peace. The Society is dedicated to teaching sensitive exercises and Yoga and claims to currently have eighty branches in the United States.

On March 17, 1973

further information regarding AMYS; however, he believes the group will demonstrate in a peaceful manner.

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indicated he expected only a few individuals to participate and felt certain that they would not attempt to enter the Consulate.

Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed a group of individuals, consisting of both men and women assemble on the sidewalk immediately in front of 215 Market Street at approximately 3:00 p.m. on March 18, 1973. These individuals assumed a sitting position on carpets and blankets they had bought with them. There was no chanting and only three or four posters were in evidence. The area where the demonstrators were seated was separated by a fence from the entrance to 215 Market Street. This fence remained following recent construction work that had been accomplished in the area. One or two individuals placed themselves near the doorway of the building and offered passers-by leaflets.

A typical leaflet among those being distributed appears as follows:

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The entire mankind of this universe constitutes one singular people. The whole humanity is bound in fraternity; those who are apt to remain oblivious of this very simple truth . . . those who are prane to distort it . . are the deadliest enemies of humanity. Today's mankind should identify these foes fully well and build up a healthy human society totally neglecting all obstacles and difficulties.

It must be borne in mind that so long as magnificent, healthy and universalistic human society is not well established, man's culture and civilization, his sacrifice, service, and spiritual endeavor shall not be able to carry any worth whatsoever.

SHRII SHRII ANANDAMURTI
January 1st, 1973
Bankpur Jail
Patna, India

SHRII SHRII ANANDAMURTI Called BABA By His Followers

Spiritual leader and social reformer, has been imprisoned without bail for the last 14 months on charges of murder and conspiracy. In December the murder charges were dropped. The court battle continues . . . and still bail is denied.

On February 12th, 1973, Shrii Shrii Anandamurti was poisoned in Bankepur Jail, in Patna, India.

Since then, his doctors have not been allowed to see him.

He teaches that we are all children of God and that we are truly one common humanity of brothers and sisters. He teaches that social and economic oppression have no place on our planet.

His crime is that he dared to speak out.

Immediately before his poisoning, Shirii Shirii Anandamurti was isolated from fellow prisoners and from visitors. When he was allowed visitors, he related the incident of the poisoning and requested that he be allowed to see his personal doctor. This was denied, and no care was given.

His pain is severe, his vision blurred. His physical health even before this incident had deteriorated due to the conditions of the Patna jail. He had received neither proper food nor the opportunity for much-needed exercise. His windowless cell was without a fan throughout the summer, at which time the temperature outside rose as high as 130 degrees.

He has not been allowed to be treated by his physician to this date.

He must be hospitalized immediately and must receive proper medical attention if he is to regain his good health.

IN NEED OF MEDICAL ATTENTION

Shrii Shrii Anandamurti's mission is simply one of love of humanity. He asks his followers to look upon every living creature with an attitude of love and sympathy, and realizing the essential unity of all beings to serve mankind as children of one spirit. His message is similar to that of other great humanists.

He lies poisoned in a jail in India.

If Shrii Shrii Anandamurii preaches only love and brother-hood, why is he being persecuted?

... he opposes intolerance, pettiness, and exploitation

... he has spoken out against abuses of power and money

... his social service has been more effective than many government programs

... his call to morality is reaching many influential persons

... he will not compromise his ideals to the pressure of vested interests

... he will not keep silent to save himself

SERVICE TO SUFFERING HUMANITY IS SERVICE TO GOD

Shrii Shrii Anandamurti

Throughout the world his followers are actualizing his mission and teaching by various volunteer services:

... hundreds of orphanages, schools, and children's homes established

... disaster relief to hundreds of thousands in Bangladesh, India, The Philippines, and currenly in Nicaragua

... daycare centers

... senior citizen centers

... drug abuse programs

His volunteers are servants to humanity, following his example.

WE, HIS FOLLOWERS. OVER TWO MILLION IN 35 COUNTRIES AND IN EVERY STATE IN AMERICA ASK YOU TO SPEAK OUT WITH THE VOICE OF LOVE AND COMPASSION TO OVERCOME THIS INHUMAN PERSECUTION.

There are various means through which this persecution may be protested. Listed below are the names and addresses of government officials in India to whom you can voice your concern.

Indira Gandhi Prime Minister of India New Delhi, India

Nityanand Kanungo Office of Governor of Bihar State Patna, India D. Prasad Rai Chiel Minister of Bihar State Patna, India

Shrii K. V. Ciri President of India Office of President of Republic New Delhi, India

Please bring whatever influence and pressure you may command to this situation.

DEMAND:

- ...an end to the persecution of Shirii Shirii
 Anandamurti
- ... immediate and quality medical attention
- ... immediate hospitalization if necessary
- ... release from Bankepur Jail

Do not let his poisoners have another opportunity.

FREE BABA

IN THE NAME OF GOD
HELP US AND HUMANITY AT THIS CRITICAL MOMENT

The persecution of advanced thinkers is not unknown to the annals of history. Throughout the ages such thinkers as Socrates, Galileo, Buddha, Krishna, Jesus, Mohammed, Martin Luther King, and countless others have suffered for their uncompromising ideals.

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE TO DEFEND
SHRII SHRII ANANDAMURTI
C/O ANANDA MARGA YOGA SOCIETY
3453 E. 12th Street
Wichita, Kansas 67208
(316) 685-9231

MemorandumCONFIDENTIAL : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI SAC, WFO (105-109296) (C) SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATION SPONSORED BY INFORMATION CONCERNING Enclosed for the Bureau are five, for Kansas City, two, and for Baltimore and San Francisco, one copy each of a letterhead memo dated and captioned as above. Indices WFO negative re information further identifying WFO taking no further action. CLASS. & EXT. F RLASON-FOIR II. DATE OF REVIEW TIS. IT SPIGSKI KEER DEEM . 2-Bureau (Enc. 5) 1-Baltimore (Enc. 1) (Info) onthe 1-San Francisco (Enc. 1) (Info) 610 1-WFO Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D.C. 20535 March 29, 1973

ANANDA MARGA YOGA SOCIETY

The following was received by mail from National Capitol Parks, National Parks Service, United States Department of Interior, on March 16, 1973:

On March 12, 1973, Richard Greenberg, 6913 Granby Street, Bethesda, Maryland, 20034, telephone number 229-5350, filed a "Notice of Proposed Demonstration in Park Area" to be conducted by the Ananda Marga Yoga Society (AMYS) from 3:00 p.m., March 18, 1973, to 6:00 p.m., March 19, 1973, at Dupont Circle, N.W.. The purpose of the demonstration was to bring public attention to the persecution of Spiritual Leader P. R. Sarkar in India. Greenberg estimated that five hundred people would participate by the display of fifty placards, fasting and silence except for the singing of one song "We Are One in Spirit". Ten marshals were to be furnished and supervised by Greenberg and one Karen Paquette, 2119 Guilford Road, Hyattsville, Maryland, telephone number 820-2638. Greenberg indicated that he would be in charge of the demonstration and has had one year's experience conducting events for the AMYS.

In filing the above notice, Greenberg furnished the address of AMYS as 3453 East 12th Street, Wichita, Kansas, 67208, and identified Paul Fahnestock of the same address as president of the Society's National Board.

"The Washington Post Times Hearld" of March 20, 1973, carried a photograph and an article which indicated that thirty-simpople were participating in a twenty-seven hour demonstration in support of their Guru P. R. Sarkar, the founder of the AMYS who had been jailed in India since December, 1971, on a charge of murder. One demonstrator, one Paul Hosch, advised that similar demonstrations and fasts were being held simultaneously in eight other United States cities and sixteen cities in other countries as well as throughout India.

Hosch and Fahnestock, previously mentioned, advised the newspaper representative that Sarkar has a following of twenty thousand people in the United States, all of whom have been recruited since the movement was organized in the United States three years ago.

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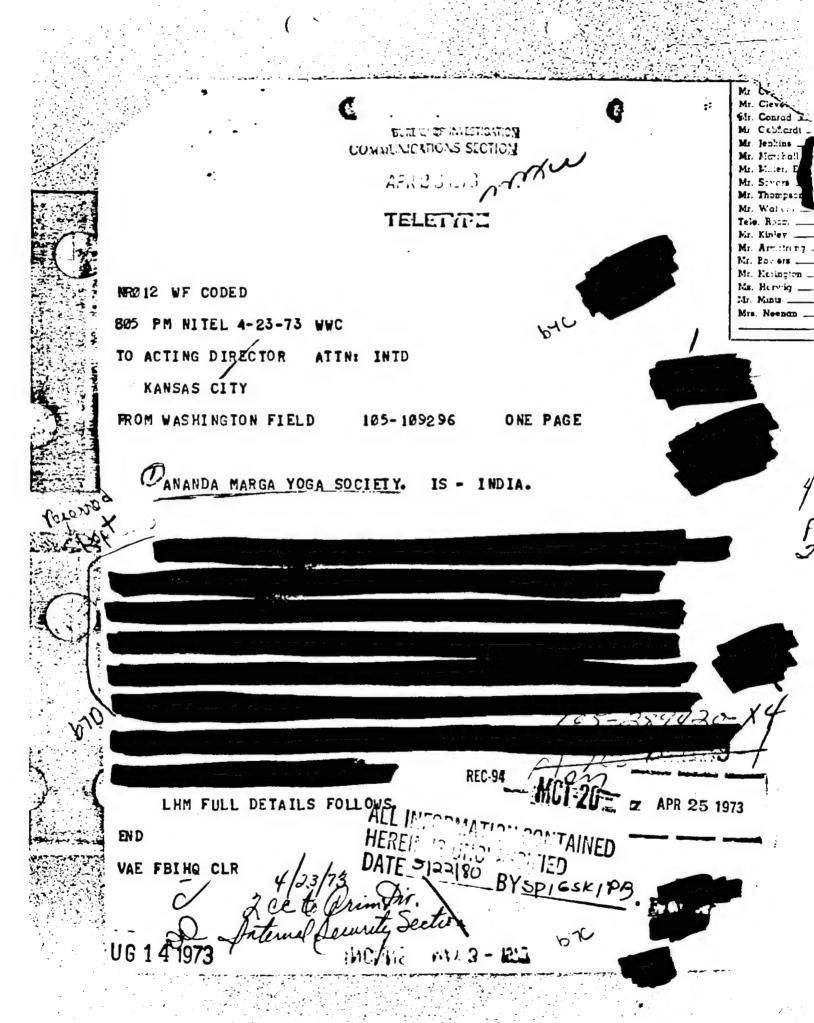
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Hosch and Fahnestock continued that the teachings of Sarkar, who is called Shrii Shrii Anandamurti by his followers, differs from other Yoga systems primarily by its heavy emphasis on the performance of good works.

According to the newspaper article, the society has a monthly publication called "Sadvipra", the current issue of which described various social service projects being conducted by the society in a number of foreign countries and various parts of the United States.

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DEMONSTRATION SPONSORED BY ANANADA MARGA YOGA SOCIETY AT CON-SULATE GENERAL OF INDIA, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, APRIL 23, 1973.

AT 4:00 P. M. ON APRIL 23, 1973,

OFFICE OF THE FBI, AND ADVISED THAT MEMBERS OF A YOGA SOCIETY
WERE DEMONSTRATING OUTSIDE THE CONSULATE BUILDING, AND THAT
SEVEN OR EIGHT OF THESE INDIVIDUALS HAD ENTERED THE CONSULATE.

THAT THE SAN FRANCISCO POLICE WERE PRESENT.

DVISED SPECIAL AGENTS WOULD IMMEDIATELY BE
DISPATCHED TO THE CONSULATE.

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AT APPROXIMATELY 4:20 P.M. APRIL 23, 1973, SPECIAL AGENTS
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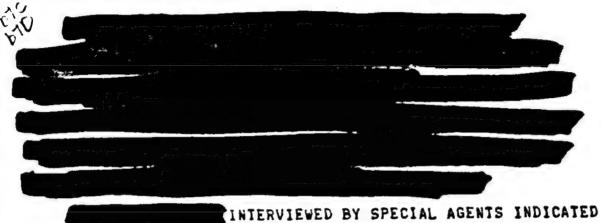
THAT APPROXIMATELY 200 INDIVIDUALS
FROM THE ANANADA MARGA YOGA SOCIETY, (AMYS), HAD BEEN
DEMONSTRATING OUTSIDE THE CONSULATE BUILDING AT 215
MARKET STREET, SAN FRANCISCO. THE INDIAN CONSULATE ITSELF
IS LOCATED ON THE FIFTH FLOOR OF THIS BUILDING.

THE AMYS IS SELF DESCRIBED AS A GROUP WHOSE MEMBERS ATTEMPT,
THROUGH SELF DISCIPLINE AND MEDITATION TO ACHIEVE ECSTASY AND
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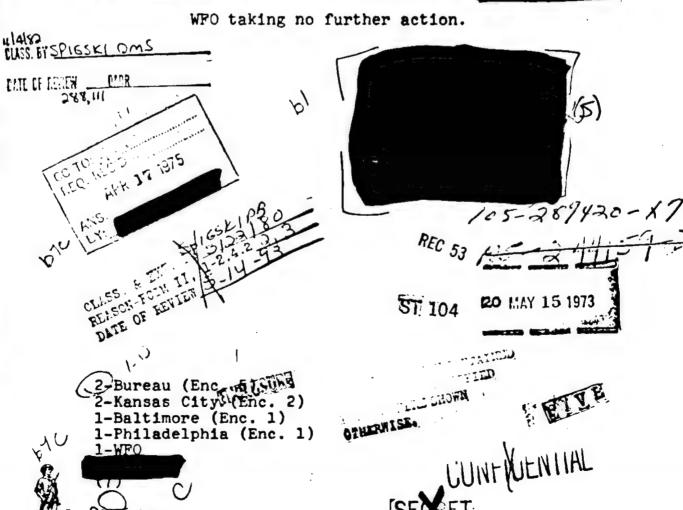
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SUBJECT: ANANDA MARGA YOGA SOCIETY

Re WFO teletype dated 4/23/73.

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Washington, D. C. 20535 May 14, 1973

ANANDA MARGA YOGA SOCIETY

On April 18, 1973, the captioned organization filed a notice of demonstration with the National Capital Parks of the National Park Service of the United States Department of Interior. The notice, which was filed by naren/Paquette, 3121 Patterson Street, N.W., the sponsor of the demonstration, indicated that the demonstration would take place on April 23, 1973, commencing at 8:30 a.m. at the Peace Monument at First and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. The demonstration would then proceed to Dupont Circle where a vigil would be kept until 2:30 p.m. The demonstration would then proceed to the vicinity of the residence of the Indian Ambassador on Macomb Street. N.W., and then return to Dupont Circle. The stated purpose of the demonstration was to draw public attention to the persecution in India of a spiritual leader. In literature distributed during the demonstration, the spiritual leader was identified as/Shrii/Shrii/Apandamurti. who in previous activities of the Society had been identified as the Society's spiritual leader P. R./Sarkar.

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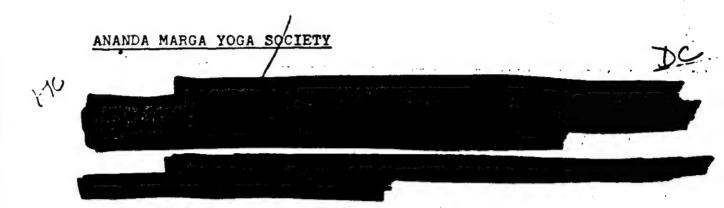
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A representative of the United States Secret Service advised that during the attempt to deliver the ashes at the Indian Embassy, the container of ashes was broken on the Embassy steps and two arrests by the Executive Protective Service ensued on charges of "Depositing Trash in a Public Place." Arrested on the above charges were:

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TO

ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI

5/17/73 DATE:

FROM

SAC, KANSAS CITY (105-3419)

SUBJECT:

DEMONSTRATION SPONSORED BY ANANDA MARGA YOGA SOCIETY, 3/18 and 19/73 WASHINGTON, D.C. IS - INDIA



Re WFO letter to the Bureau, 3/29/73, captioned, as above, and WFO teletype to the Bureau and Kansas City captioned, "ANANDA MARGA YOGA SOCIETY, IS - INDIA," 4/23/73.

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Noting that the captioned group at Wichita is of a religious nature and is not pursuing any course of lawlessness or violence, this case is being closed.

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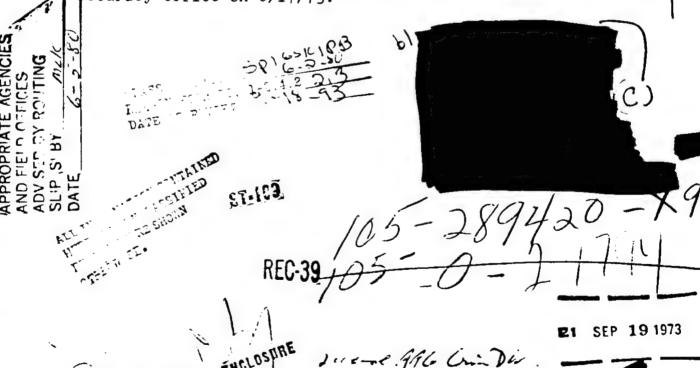
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Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies and for Kansas City one copy of an LHM dated and captioned as above. The copy is being designated for Kansas City inasmuch as the national headquarters of the captioned organization are located in that city.

Information from the informant was furnished to the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) Intelligence Division, U. S. Secret Service and the U. S. Department of State

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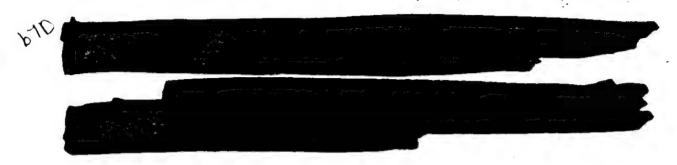
ANANDA MARGA YOGA SOCIETY INTERNAL SECURITY - INDIA

Shrii Shrii Anandamurti has been publicly identified as the head of the Ananda Marga Yoga Society and has been charged with conspiracy in the slayings of six of his former disciples. He is in prison in India on that charge.

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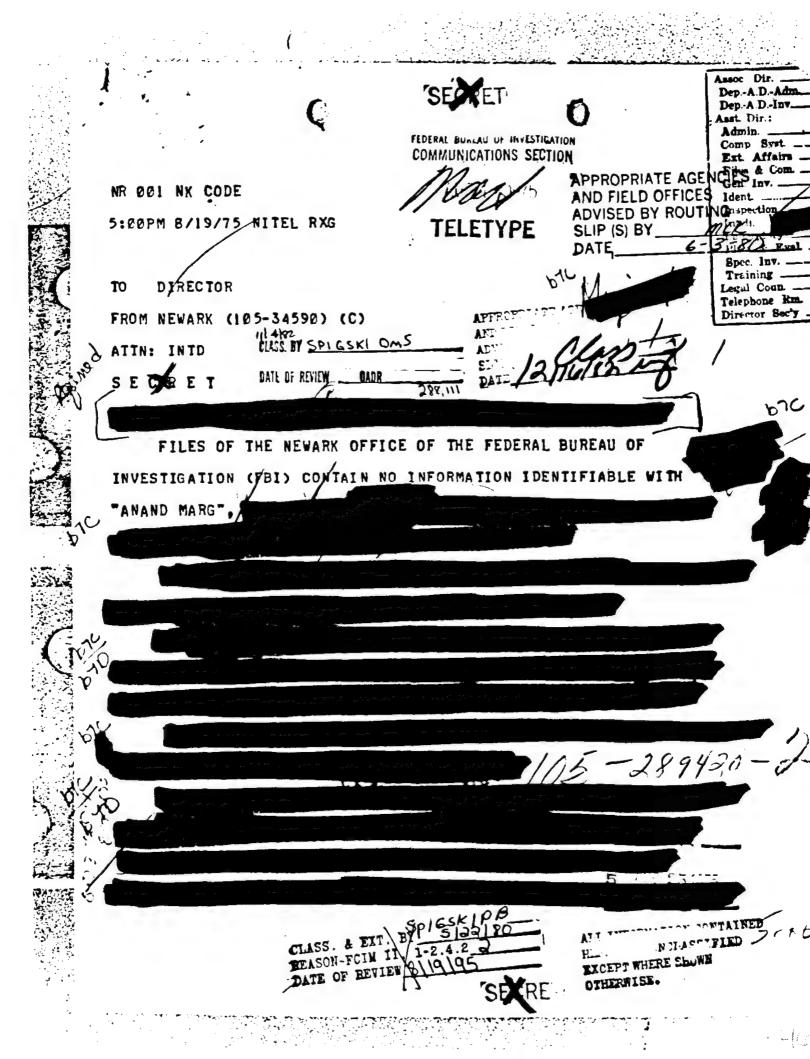
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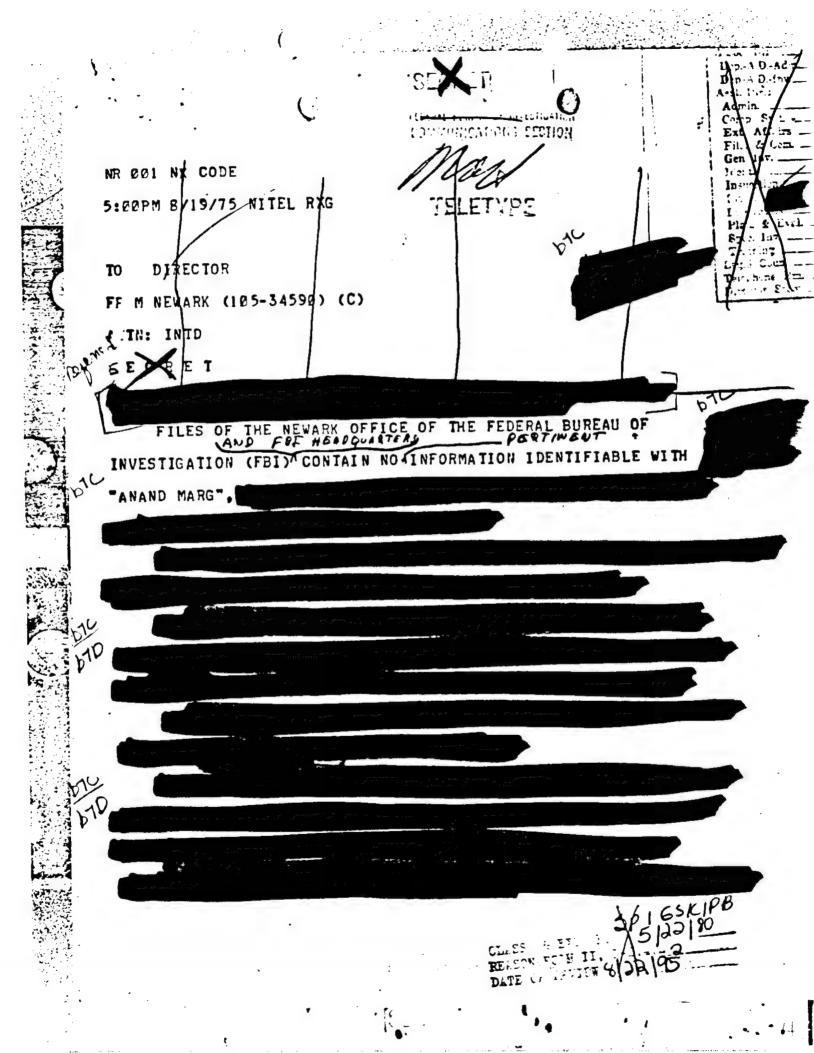
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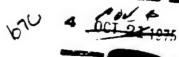
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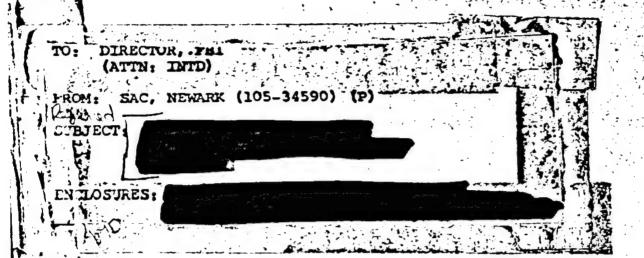
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The Ananda Marga Yoga Society is self-described as a group whose members attempt, through self-discipline and meditation, to find ecstasy and inner peace. The Society claims to have 80 branches in the United States.

The Society has engaged in demonstrations in Washington, D. C., and San Francisco, California, in 1972 and 1973. The demonstrations occurred at the Indian Embassy, Indian Consulate, and the White House. The Stated purpose of these demonstrations was to protest the jailing of the Society's spiritual leader, Shrii Shrii Anandamurti by the Indian Government in 1971. Anandamurti was arrested by the Indian Government for the murder of six people.

These demonstrations were conducted in a law abiding and peaceful manner; however, a demonstration at the Indian Embassy on April 23, 1973, resulted in the arrest of two demonstrators by the Executive Protective Service for the "Depositing of Trash in a Public Place." The demonstrators were attempting to deliver to the Indian Ambassador the ashes of a monk who had immolated himself. In the process, the container of ashes was dropped and broke on the Embassy steps.

In 1973, the Society published a monthly magazine entitled "Sadvipra." It is not known if this magazine is still being published.

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By letter dated 10/21/75,

United States Department of State, requested a summary of

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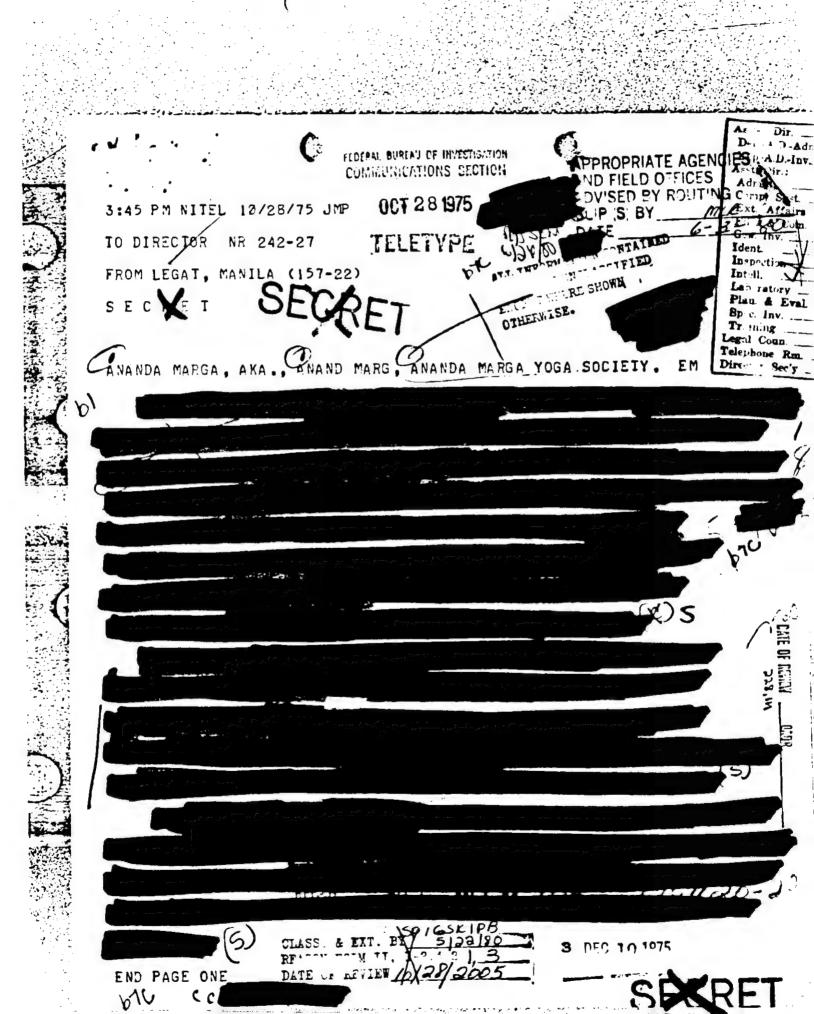
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FROM DIRECTOR 125-289420-20

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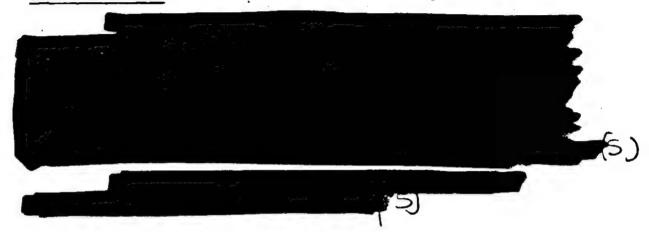
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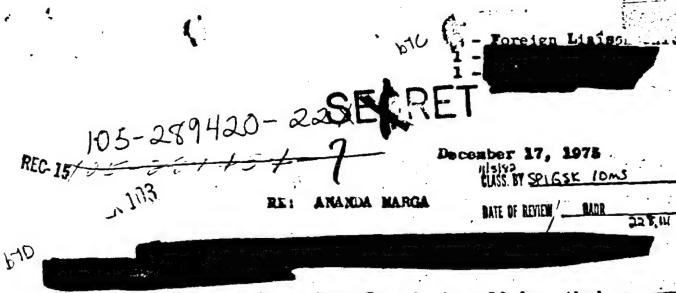


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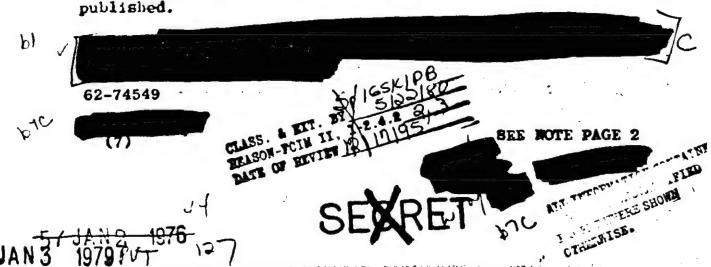


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These demonstrations were conducted in a law abiding and peaceful manner; however, a demonstration at the Indian Embassy on April 23, 1973, resulted in the arrest of two demonstrators by the Executive Protective Service for the "Depositing of Trash in a Public Place." The demonstrators were attempting to deliver to the Indian Ambassador the ashes of a monk who had immolated himself. In the process, the container of ashes was dropped and broke on the Embassy steps.

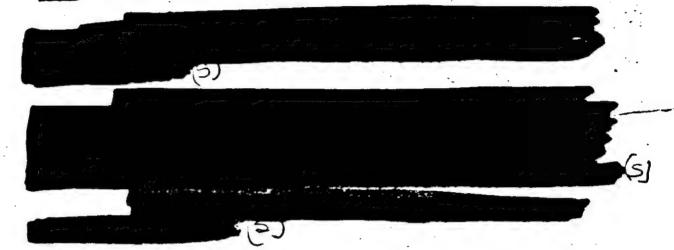
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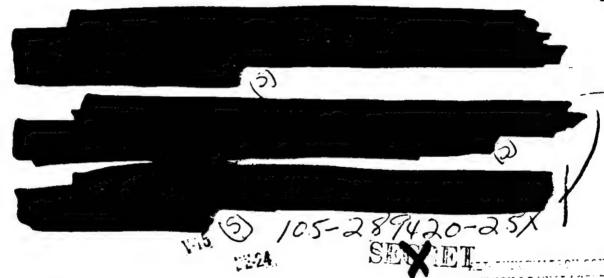
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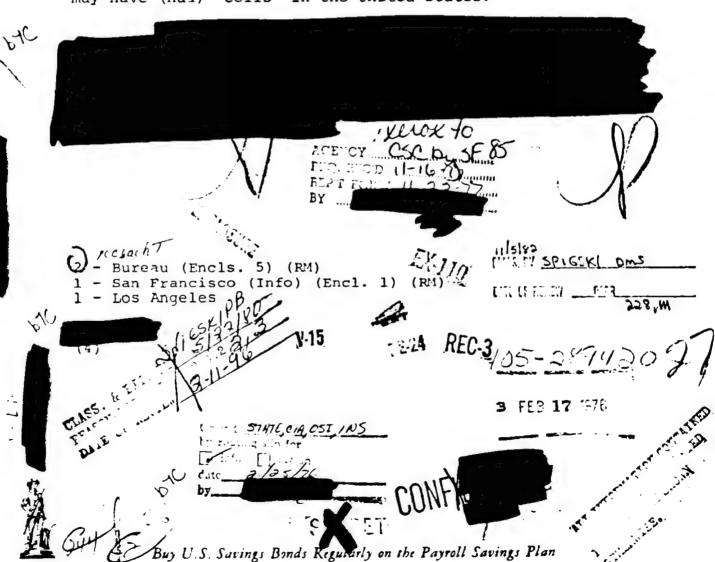
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Enclosed for the Bureau and San Francisco are copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) captioned and dated as above at Los Angeles which contains information regarding an allegedly terroristic organization in India which may have (had) "cells" in the United States.





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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Los Angeles, California

February 11, 1976

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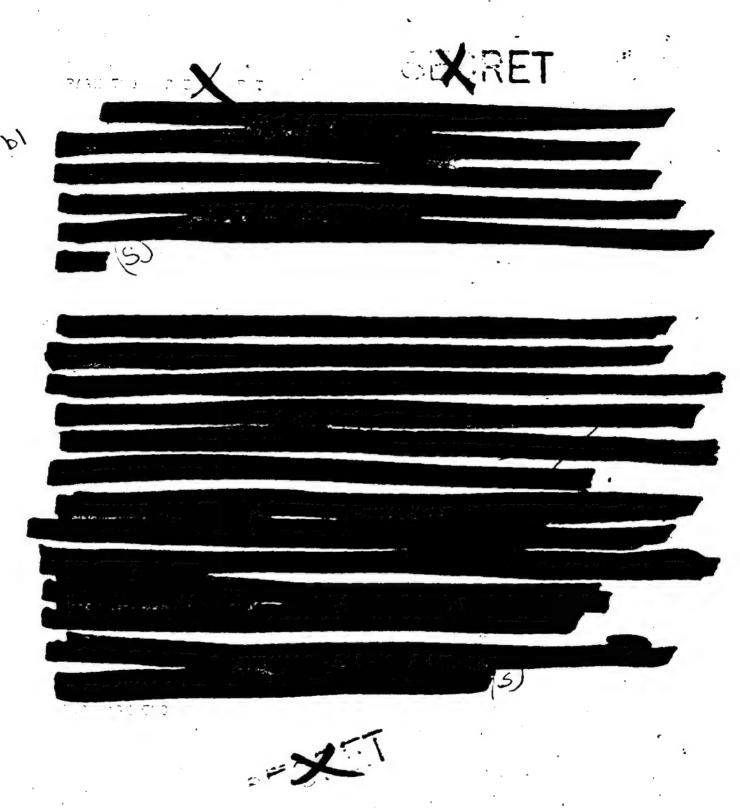
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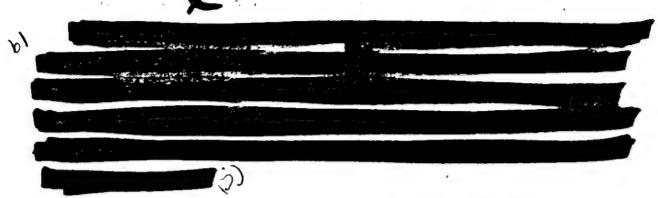
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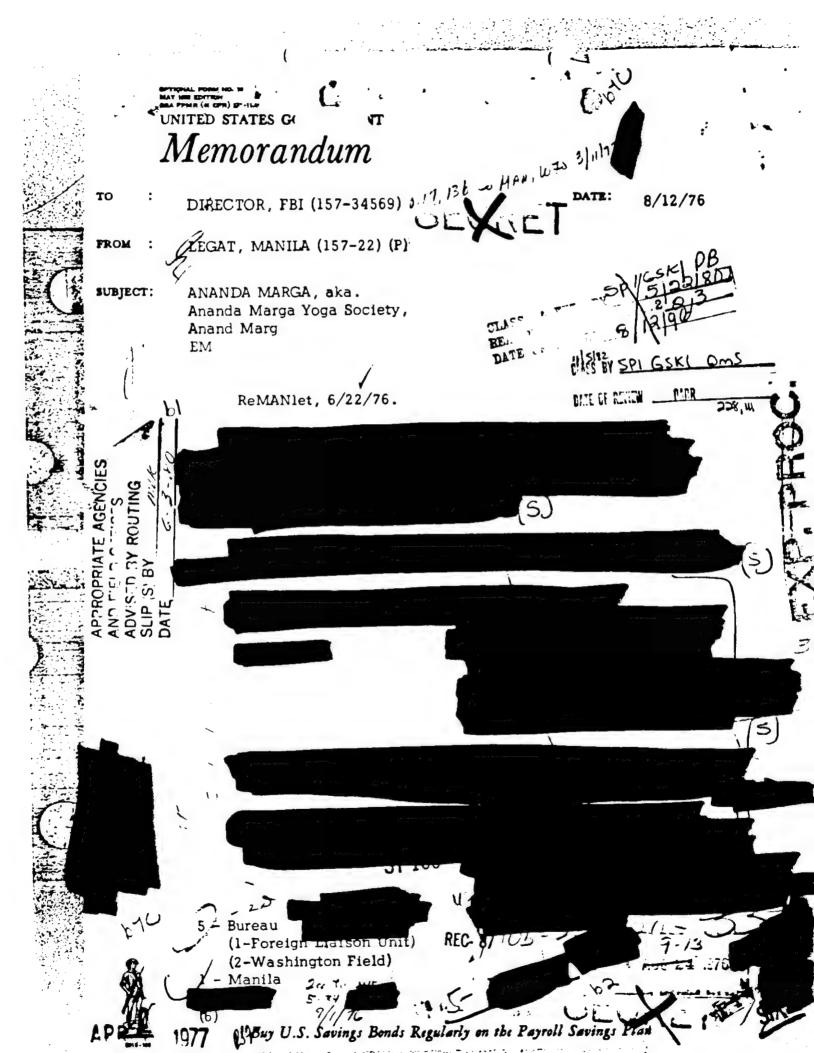
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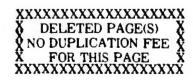


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ReBulet to WFO, 9/28/76.

Department of State, Washington, D.C., 9/30/76, requesting that Passport Office files be searched retained to date, the Passport

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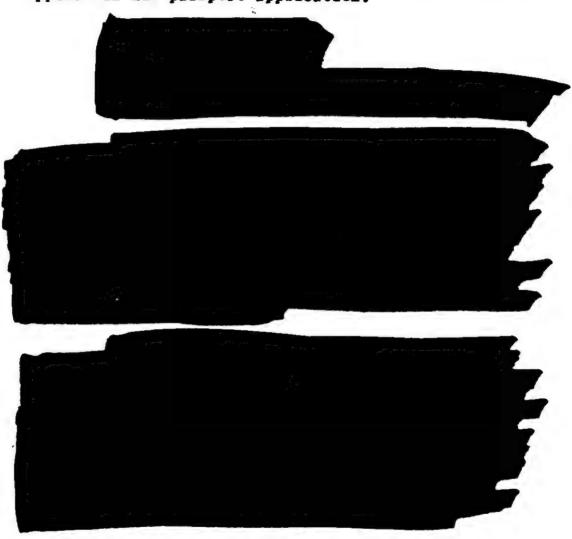
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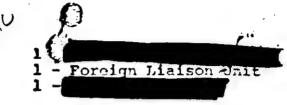
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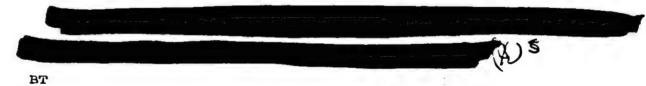
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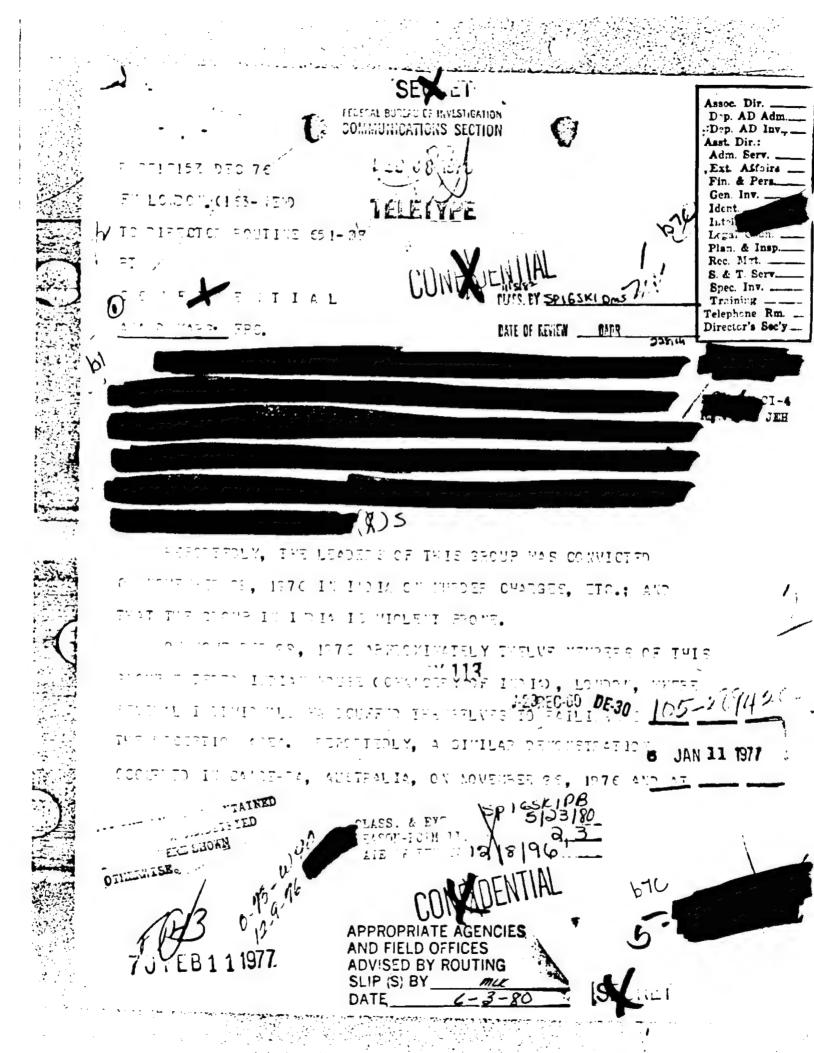


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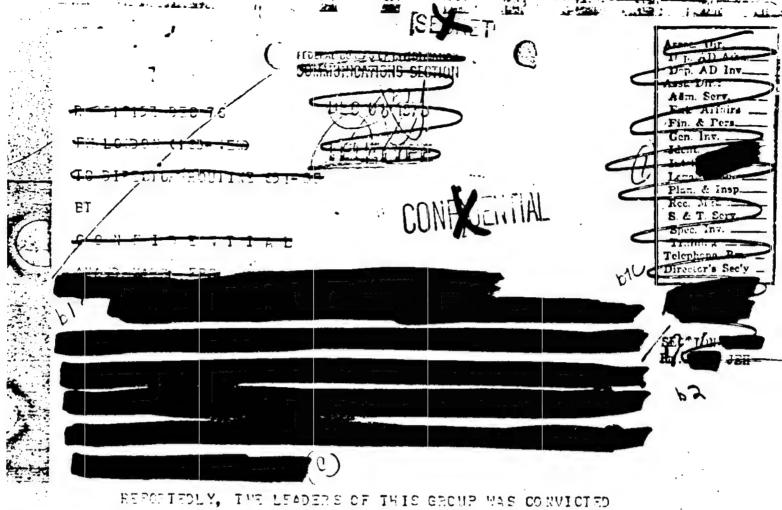
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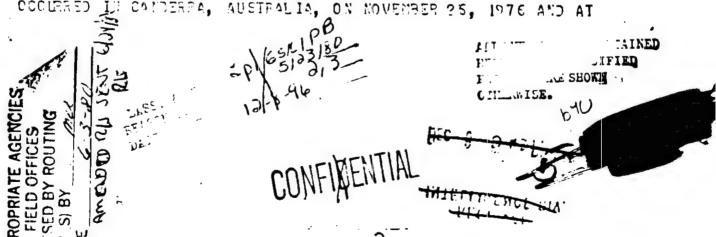
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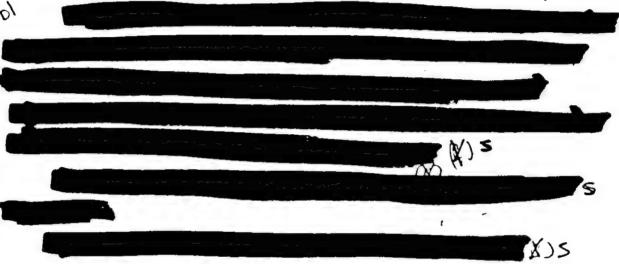
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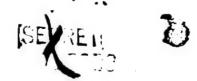


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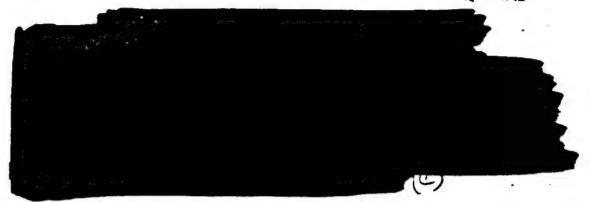
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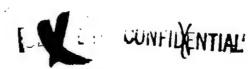
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ANANDA MARGA

The following erticle, ceptioned as below, appeared on pages A-1 and A-14 of the April 30, 1973 edition of "The Washington Post," a daily newspaper published at Washington, D.C.:

Ananda Marga

India Sees Threat in Yoga Sect Noted for Good Works in U.S.

By Lewis M. Simons
Washington Post Foreign Service
NEW DELHII, April 28—

To Americans, the Ananda Marga Yera Secrety sounds about he harmless as Sec. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club hand. American college kids standing on their heads, eating wheat germ, chanting hom, on om."

But in India, Ananda Marga is bearded monks in saffron robes, daggers at their hips, their guru jailed in connection with the nauders of six defectors. Here, the povernment—which Ananda Marga views as corrupt and immoral—regards it in turn as a faseist group committed to ousting the government and installing its own system of highly disciplined regulations.

Ananda Marga means "Path of Bliss." Eight million people throughout the world have been initiated into the group. In India, they run 400 schools, soup kitchens, bring relief to Bangladesh refugees and spiritual succor to the down-

In the United States, followers teach self-respect in black ghottos and in prisons in Nicaragua, they rebuild houses destroyed by the Managua earthquake, provide rood, teach hydiene.

"Violence and dictatorship are the cornerstone of the Ananda Marga philosophy," says India's home minister, Uma Shankar Dixit. "This is an organization which wants to lead the country to fascism."

"The basis of Ananda Malga is spiritualism." says Ola Oftedal, a young American levotee. "But the distinction between Ananda Marga and other Indianbased spiritual groups in the United States is that we go beyond mediation and sing-

ing. We try to help oppressed people. We're activists."

Oftedal, 23, came to India last week as a "public relations coordinator" working for the release of the founder and head of Ananda Marga, Prabhat Ranjan Sarkar, known to his followers as wii Sheil Anandamurti. Anaudamizti, "Bliss personified," a 52-year-old former railway accounts clerk, founded Anauda Marga in 1925. He has been imprisoued since Dec. 29, 1971, on conspiracy charges in the prayings of six of his former disconles.

Sarkar was arrested in the eastern state of Bihar after his wife and several other followers went to the police. In addition to charging him with the murders, Mrs. Sarkar said her husband engaged in "bizarre" practices, including forcing his followers into homosexual acts after convincing them they had been women their former lives.

"We have no doubt that she eventually will dony her public statements, says Oftedal, "She was coerced. She signed statements in English, and she doesn't understand English."

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Sarkar, however, speaks
English, 20 Indian tongues
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including Norwegian, says
Offedal. The blond-haired
American devotee is the son
of a Norwegian diplomat,
formerly an ambassador to
Canada, and an American
mother.

. He says most of the 20,000 members of the U.S. branch, which has its headquarters in Wichita, Kan., are white, clean-cut, middle-class and college-educated, like himself.

"I graduated from Harward summa cum laude," Oftedal says, "But I and the Harvard intellectuals I know are nothing in comparison with Baba.

Baba, an affectionate term meaning "Papa," is "a giant of intelligence, morality and strength," he says.

"Baba is the incarnation of God," a bearded monk screamed earlier this week, his curly black hair streaming down the back of his saffon costume. "Baba alone is

th." Chanting in Bengali, 1.500 lundred young followers took up the cry. They were demonstrating in New Delti for the release of Sarkar.

On the high platform in front of the crowd was a small earthenware pot, said to contain the ashes of a monk who had burned himself to death cartier 'this month out of frustration over Sarkar's detention.

Rudrananda Avadhut, a tall, handsome monk wearing blue tinted glasses, told the crowd that another immolation was imminent.

Breaking into an English translation of his spiech, for the benefit of foreign correspondents, he said that a registered letter had been sent earlier in the day to Prime Minister Indica Gandhi and President V.V. Giri, warning that if they would not meet with Ananda Marga representatives tragedly would follow.

Neither the prime minister nor the president responded. The immolation took place the next day inside, an ancient stone fort. It was carried out suddenly and in secrecy from the police, but not from the news media.

News coverage is extremely important to Ananda Marga. Oftedel and his Indian public relations counterpart, Acharya Nirmohananda, carry briefcases erammed with press handouts, background information and clippings.

Before last week's demonconcluded. stration evolved into what Indianspast masters of every form of protest-term "courting arrest." A few hundred demonstrators with paper swastika emblems pinned to their shirts broke police cordons around the meeting ground and were shoved into waiting vans. But not before the police discharged tear gas cylinders and cracked some heads with bamboo staves.

"Look, look. You gentlemen of the press have seen the police brutality," eried Nirmohananda. "You, Mr. Lal, you have seen their vicious, mad-dog attacks. Tell the world how we are persecuted."

The next day, Tuesday, Surender M. Lal, a Columbia Broadcasting System cameraman, tried to tell the world. Accompanied by Patricia Duregne de Launaguet, a young French woman who works as a sound technician, Lal filmed the immolation. Lal's film and some still pictures taken by a photographer hired by Ananda Marga are the only complete records of the burning.

The police moved swiftly, They immediately arrested , two monks present at the immocation and charged . them with criminal conspir-, acy. Lal and Miss de Launaguet were arrested that night at Bombay airport, where they had fled from Delhi. They were charged with conspiracy. The police seized a roll of 16-mm, color film from Lal. Whether it is the film of the immolation will not be known until it is processed, something which cannot be done in India.

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Tucsday night and Wednesday, the police staged raids at Ananda Marga's New Delhi headquarters and elsewhere. They arrested 24 monks and other persons, including a physician connected with the group.

The physician, Dr. Subash

Rana, is one of a large number of middle-class and wealthy Indians who are attracted to Ananda Marga's potently anti-Communist philosophy. The organization has also drawn a high proportion of senior government officials, chough to cause the government to attempt outlawing Ananda Marga and, failing that, banning membership for civil servants.

Rumors are circulated widely in Delhi that officials with access to government funds have helped funding to the organization, financing comes from assessment of members—they must donate two per cent of their income—and "private contributions."

Friday in Parliament, a member of the ruling Congress party claimed that the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency was behind the organization. The charge was carried on the front page of The Patriot, a daily newspaper published by the Communist Party of India.

Certainly the group is well-heeled. Located behind the New Delhi leadquarters is the Anafda Press Plant, a printing firm owned by the organization. Another press is operated in Patna. Bihar, the group's headquarters, According to Ortedal. Ananda Marga owns "dozens" of other printing plants throughout India.

"We believe that literacy and information are important in educating the lower classes about the corruption and immorality of the Indian government," he said. The presess churn out dozens, if not hundreds, of different leatlets, circulars, pamphlets and newspapers. At the moment, most of them stress the alleged persecution of Sacker and the claim that Indian intelligence officers poisoned him in his jail cell.

According to several of these publications, Sarkar has been so maltreated—confined to a cell without so much as a fan in 120 degrees temperatures, fed rotten food and deprived of n.edical attention—that he has a last resert. He reportedly has not eaten since the beginning of this month.

Just as the Communist and Congress Parties, which have operated as allies the last few years, are leading the current attacks on Ananda Marga, its greatest support comes from the right-wing, pro-Hindu Jana San; h Party.

In the last few days, several povernment officials have drawn comparisons between Ananda Marga and Jana Sangh's parent organization, Rashiriya Swayamsevak Sangh (National Self-Service Organization). RSS, as it is widely known, was founded some 25 years ago, around the time India won

its independence from Britain. It is a broad-based, tightly disciplined Nazi-style organization which drills its uniformed university student members in self defense and the use of weapons.

A founder of both Jana Sangh and RSS. Shyama Prasad Multherjee, died in 1951 in a Kashmir prison where, his followers claimed, he was poisoned to death.

Ananda Marda, according to Home Minister Dixit, is "much worse than RRS."

How had is it? Even if it has 250,000 members in India — which it claims, but which is most unlikely — does it constitute a threat to the government? The answers, given by both the government and Ananda Marga, are yes and no.

The organization espouses a philosophy of "socio-economico politico-religious revolution" which it calls the progressive utilization theorg or Prout. The so-called Proutist bloc has run cendidates for the Central and Bihar state povernments and at one time had a single member of Parliament.

Ananda Marga literature admits that much of Sar-kar's teachings are "unfathomable" and that they require, at least, "a sustained effort and a highly developed intellect."

Nevertheless, in trying to capsulize Prout for the ordinary man, one pamphlet says "it stands for guaranteeing minimum essentials of life to each and every individual. The essentials should go on increasing

progressively with growing economy and growing wealth."

According to a New Delhi newspaperman, who is active in Ananda Marca, the theory is of immediate importance and applicability to India, "where the government is widely known to be corrupt and immoral and is actively courting the Communists."

Oftedal adds that it is also of immediate use in certain countries of Latin America and in the Philippines, where Ananda Marga claims to be particularly active. (A group spokesman in Manila said Friday that a "sacrificial death" by immolation was planned there.)

Prout is "not applicable, at this moment, in the United States," Ortedal says.

In a 35-page appeal to Amnesty International, the group said, "clearly, the CBI (Central Bureau of Investigation) and the government seem to be haunted by the fear of being thrown out of power by the rapidly rising moral and spiritual force" of Sarkar and Ananda Marga.

"Nonsense." says Minister of State for Home Affairs Ram Nivas Mirdha. "They are merely a gang of extremists and criminals and that is the way we are treating them. Sarkar is being treated the same as any other person charged with a murder conspiracy charge. No worse and no better."

For every Ananda Marga claim of pressure tactics, persecution, illegal detention and maltreatment, Mirdha has a logical and legal argument: "The pressure they are feeling is because they are at loose ends without their leader. This shows how much of a dictator he is. His word is law to them.

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"We are certainly not persecuting them. We classify them somewhere between a crank case and dangerous criminals. But we do not worry unduly about them.

"Sarkar is not being detained illegally. A magistrate has committed the ease to the Bihar sessions court. The group has been allowed an extraordinary appeal to the Federal Supreme Court. This is pending. Bail has not been allowed because the Bihar court fears Sarkar will tamper with the evidence."

Maltreatment? Mirdha referred to a statement made by the Bihar government after Sarker claimed he was poisoned on Feb. 32. The government said he was examined by a state physician and a cardiologist who found only that his blood pressure was "a little high" and that a claim of blindness turned out to be conjunctivitis. * "for which drops and ointment were prescribed."

Yet, despite this cool logic, the answers do not quite reply to the questions. A foreign journalist who asked Mirdha if he could be given permission to visit Sarkar in jail was refused. "It is against the regulations" he said.

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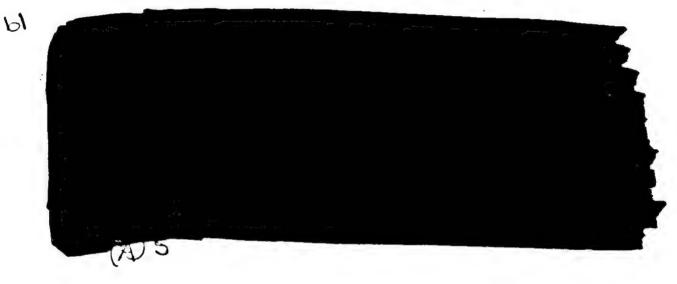
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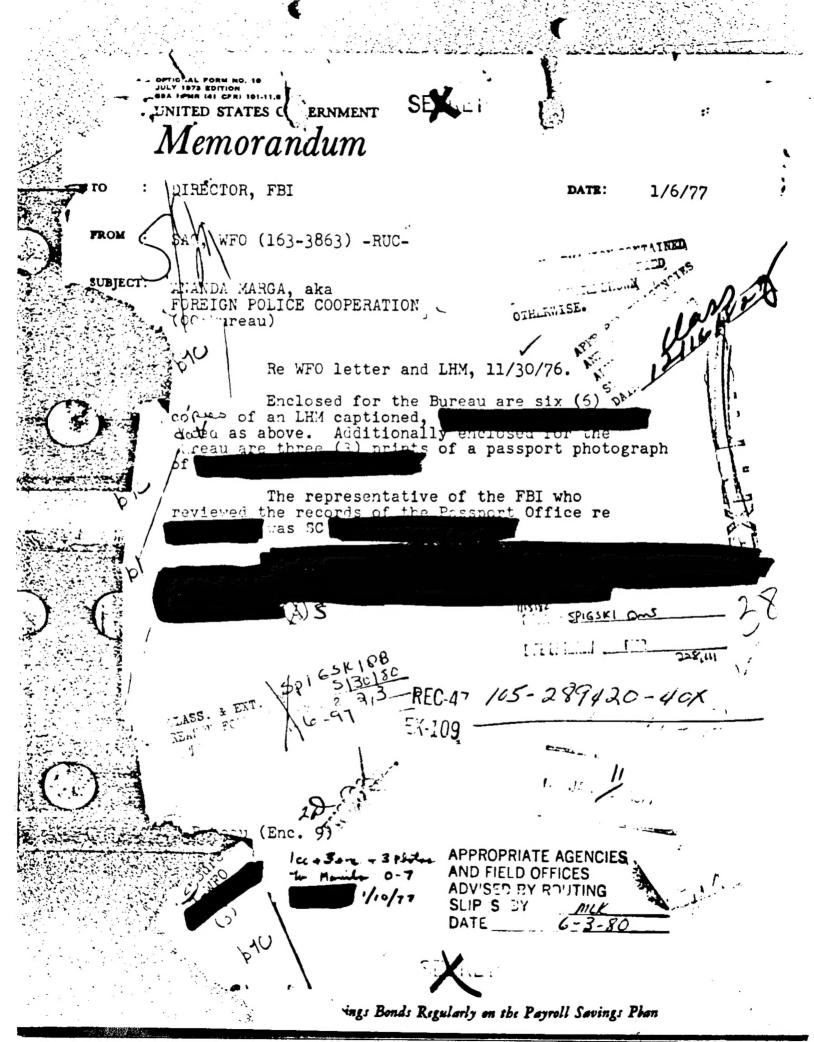


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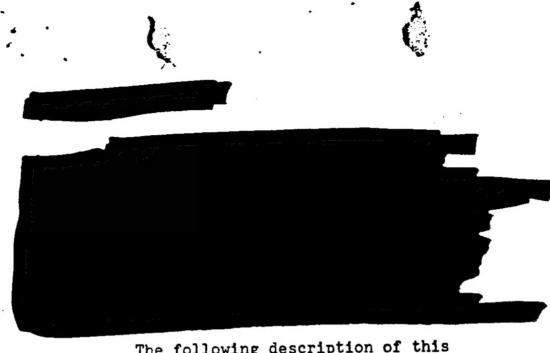
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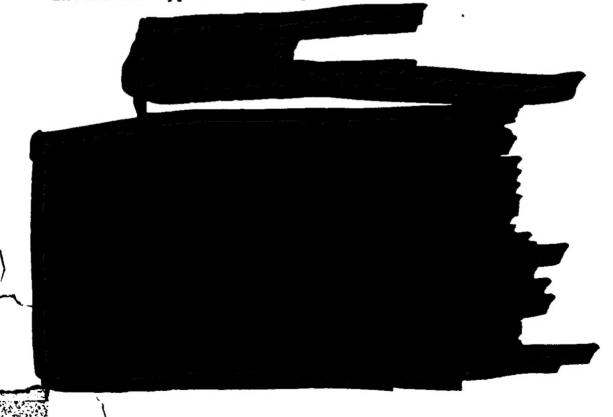
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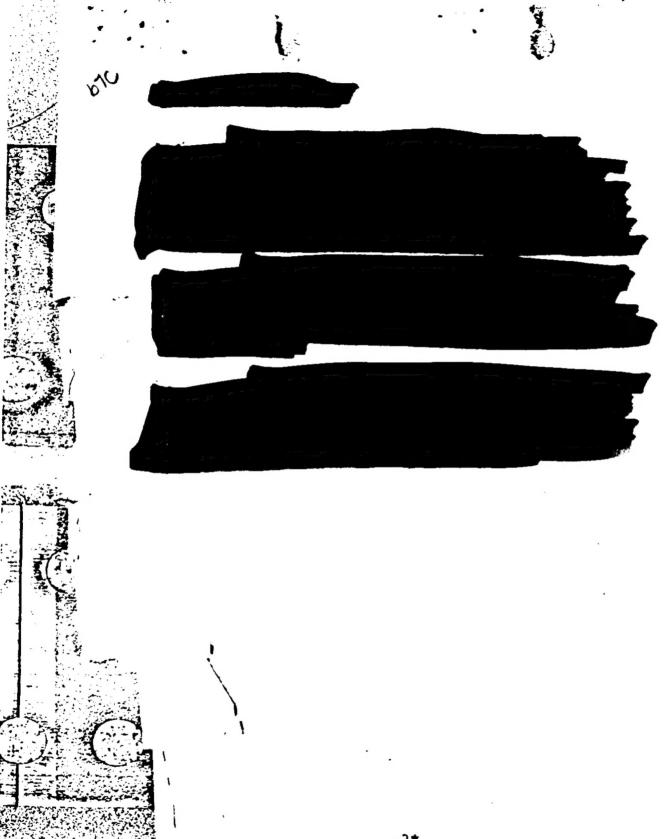




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